S/N 10/666,115 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LeNoir E. Zaiser et al. Examiner: Chambers, A Michael

Serial No.: 10/666,115 Group Art Unit: 2855

Filed: September 19, 2003 Docket: 2173.2004-001

Confirmation No.: 8421

Title: Differential Pressure Valve Employing Near-Balanced Pressure

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2006, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-22) drawn to a fluid device including a pilot controlled pneumatic valve having a filter are elected for prosecution. The Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. The Applicants do not abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions, including the right to rejoinder.

Respectfully submitted,

R.D. Johnson & Associates, P.C.

Rodney D. Johnson

Registration No. 36,558

Telephone: (781) 239-8131 Facsimile: (617) 412-3081

Dated: April 21, 7006

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Serial Number: 10/666,115

Filing Date: September 19, 2003

Title: Differential Pressure Valve Employing Near-Balanced Pressure

Page 2 Dkt: 2173.2004-001

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8; The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web on this 2157 day of April, 2006.

Rodney D. Johnson Bignature 2.